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IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

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BOONVILLE TO ROCHEPORT PROJECT AWARDED TO CAPITAL PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has awarded the fifth project in MoDOT's Improve I-70 Program, between Boonville and Rocheport, to Capital Paving and Construction.

Improve I-70: Boonville to Rocheport, designed by Burns & McDonnell, is the first project of the Improve I-70 Program to be delivered through the traditional design-bid-build process. With an approximate low bid of \$104 million, Capital Paving will make improvements and add a third lane of travel in each direction to Interstate 70 in the 13-mile section of interstate between approximately Missouri Route 5 in Boonville and the Lance Corporal Leon Deraps I-70 Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport. In design-bid-build procurement, MoDOT completes the design, and the plans are provided to contractors for bid. The lowest responsive bidder wins the construction contract.



Members of Capital Paving and Construction, Burns & McDonnell, and the Improve I-70 Program celebrate the project award with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2026 and is expected to be complete in late 2028. Learn more at <https://www.modot.org/improvei70/boonvillerocheport>

MODOT ANNOUNCES PREQUALIFIED TEAMS FOR IMPROVE I-70 TRUCK PARKING PROJECT

MoDOT has received Statements of Qualifications from the teams interested in competing for the contract to design and construct an upcoming project within MoDOT's statewide Improve I-70 Program. Improve I-70: Truck Parking includes approximately \$30 million in federal INFRA Grant funds to expand availability of truck parking along the Interstate 70 corridor.

Pre-qualified Teams are as follows:

- **Capital – Wilson Team**
 - Capital Paving and Construction, LLC and Wilson & Company, Inc.
- **KCI Construction Team**
 - KCI Construction and Bartlett & West

MoDOT issued the Request for Proposals in February 2026 to these teams to work through development of their Design-Build proposals for the project. The department will work through the procurement process with these teams, who will submit their proposal for the potential selection of the winning contract in May 2026. Construction could start as early as Summer 2026. There are still opportunities for additional consultants and subcontracting firms to be added to each team.

In late January, MoDOT hosted two public information meetings for this project. There is still the opportunity to provide comments on the project website now through Feb. 27, 2026 located at www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/truckparking

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BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA PROJECT COMPLETES FIRST BRIDGE DEMOLITION

Crews with the Blue Springs to Odessa project completed the first bridge demolition within the project limits in mid-February. The Lefholz Road bridge over I-70, located at mile marker 126 in Oak Grove, will be replaced with a new and wider bridge structure.

Construction of the new bridge is underway. Lefolz Road over I-70 will remain closed for bridge reconstruction and is anticipated to be completed in July 2026.



Demolition work of Lefholz Rd. bridge over I-70 in Oak Grove

Watch the demolition video at www.youtube.com/shorts/o9bc9l2-7a8

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR ROCHEPORT TO COLUMBIA PROJECT

MoDOT, in partnership with its Design-Build contractor, The ESS Team, will be hosting two public hearings highlighting the basic project plans, construction phasing, and schedule of the Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia project on both Monday, March 2, and Wednesday, March 4 in Columbia.

Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia is \$441 million Design-Build project that will improve the 14-mile stretch of Interstate 70 from the Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport to approximately U.S. Route 63 in Columbia.

Public meeting displays and additional information is available online. There will be an opportunity for the public to give written and recorded oral statements at these in-person public hearings. Additionally, people can leave comments and ask questions online through Wednesday, March 25, on the project webpage: www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/rocheportcolumbia

PUBLIC HEARING DATES & LOCATIONS

Monday, March 2, 2026

4 - 7 p.m.

Boone Electric Cooperative

1413 Rangeline St. Columbia, MO 65201

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

5 - 7 p.m.

Midway Golf & Games

5500 W. Van Horn Tavern Rd. Columbia, MO 65203

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR I-70 AND ROUTE 47 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS IN WARRENTON



Rendering of future I-70 and Route 47 interchange in Warrenton.

As part of the Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville project, MoDOT will host a public information meeting highlighting the upcoming construction plans for interchange improvements at the I-70 and Route 47 in Warrenton.

Monday, March 16, 2026

4 - 6 p.m.

Warrenton High School Commons Area

803 Pinckney St. Warrenton, MO 63383.

These improvements will require the total closure of Route 47 over I-70 in Warrenton for approximately until summer 2026. Detours will be in place. Meeting information will be available soon at: www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/warrentonwentzville

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COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY PROJECT TO CLOSE I-70 DRIVE SOUTHEAST

A short segment of I-70 Drive Southeast in Columbia is set to close in early March for the construction of a new underpass beneath Interstate 70. All businesses will remain accessible, and a signed detour will direct motorists around the closure.

On March 9, 2026, construction crews working with the Missouri Department of Transportation anticipate closing I-70 Drive Southeast from just west of Woodridge Drive to Glenstone Drive for approximately 300 days. The entrance to Woodridge Drive from I-70 Drive Southeast will also be closed. The roadways are expected to reopen in December 2026. Motorists will be directed around the closure via Keene Street and St. Charles Road.



Detour route for closure of I-70 Drive Southeast

This closure will enable crews to shift traffic on I-70 to construct two new bridges on I-70. This will allow the construction of the new underpass connecting Hanover Boulevard (north of I-70) to I-70 Drive Southeast (south of I-70). See a rendering of the new design here: www.modot.org/media/47390. All work is weather-permitting and schedules are subject to change.

I-70 BRIDGE IMPACTS IN 2026

In 2026, a total of five Improve I-70 projects will be under construction across the state. These projects include a number of a bridge replacements that will impact traffic throughout the year. The graphic below will be updated periodically to show the bridge progress being made along the corridor. All work is weather permitting.

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